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re: research project

dear doctor knapp:

after having spoken with mr. bradley b. brooks, i would like to suggest having a conversation together in order to discuss the following matters, in order to afford an optimal degree of cooperation between crc and inbifo, certain transfers of information and materials will be necessary. for political reasons we should consider to what degree restrictions may be involved and how or to what degree such restrictions may have a detrimental effect on this cooperation. in conjunction with this telex i am simultaneously transmitting to you by telefax 2 commentaries in german which i have written concerning 2 questions. the perspective is that of a person who has not enjoyed legal training.

the 1st commentary deals with the question why scientists or scientific institutions prefer to carry out animal research abroad rather than in the german federal republic although such research would in principle be permitted in accordance with the german animal protection law, the basis of this preference is the desire to avoid the intricate bureaucratic hurdles currently in vogue; it should be remarked that this commentary is of a theoretical nature since it is not inbifo's intention to give occasion to or to carry out animal experiments abroad.

the 2nd commentary deals with the question whether research on animals performed abroad with the sincere intention to comply with the requirements of the german animal protection law would actually do so in the opinion of responsible citizens in the federal republic of germany. mentioned in this commentary is an example which refers to basic research permitted under the law; at present there is a lack of clarity with regard to a workable definition of 'basic research' and how it is to be understood; this 2nd commentary, however, also remains theoretical since it is the intention of the contract research company to carry out research involving animals in compliance with the provisions of the german law.

hence, you can see that our main concern is the bureaucratic hurdles.

with regard to the above mentioned discussion, i would suggest that i call you some time tomorrow morning.

sincerely yours,

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